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Fort Davis National Historic Site News Release

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Fort Davis National Historic Site Proposes Entrance Fee Increase and Revises Fee Structure

Fort Davis, TX – Fort Davis National Historic Site will hold a public open house to discuss possible fee increases in 2015. The current park entrance fees have been in place since 2001.

PROPOSED ENTRANCE FEE RATE SCHEDULE 2015.

	Annual Pass	Per Vehicle	Per Person	Motorcycle
Current	\$12		\$3	
Proposed	\$30	\$15	\$7	\$10

Entrance fees are not charged to persons under 16 years of age or holders of the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Senior, Access or Military Passes. These passes may be obtained at the Park. One fee rate would be charged (i.e. per person), not a combination of rates (i.e. vehicle and person).

"We are committed to keeping the park affordable but we also want to provide visitors with the best possible experience," said Fort Davis National Historic Site Superintendent John Morlock. "The money from entrance fees is used to improve visitor services."

The new exhibits and historic building preservation efforts in the Visitor Center/Museum this year and the Post Commissary in 2009 were completed with fee money. Additional revenue raised by a fee increase would help provide new exhibits in the Post Hospital and update exhibits in the Commanding Officer's Quarters.

Fort Davis National Historic Site is a strong economic engine for the surrounding area. In 2013, more than 43,000 park visitors contributed 2.3 million to the local economy and supported 31 jobs related to tourism.

A public open house will take place on Friday, November 21, 2014 in the Visitor Center at 101 Lt. Flipper Drive, from 7:00 PM til 8:00 PM and will include a public comment session.

Following the open house, feedback will determine how, or if, a fee increase would be implemented.

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